That's all the news we have from abroad, so we'll now move on to items of interest here in Northeast Ohio...

The celebration of Lithuania's post-World War I independence will be held today, February 19th. Beginning with special ceremonies during 10:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. George's, the day will conclude with a 4:00 p.m. program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church auditorium. The guest speaker will be Mykolas Abanius from Detroit Michigan. Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish choir and St. Casimir Lithuanian School children's choir will perform under the direction of Rita Kliorys. Admission is $3.00. The event is co-sponored by the Lithuanian-American Council and the Lithuanian Community.

Other upcoming events...

The International Services Center in cooperation with the 1994 NPSL champion Cleveland Crunch present International Night this coming Saturday, February 25th at the CSU Convocation Center. The Crunch will host the Baltimore Spirit in a 7:00 p.m. contest. Fantje Na Vasi, a Slovenian Men's Choir, will sing the national anthem. Halftime entertainment will be provided by La Masherate, an Italian-American Folk Dance Company and the Sokol Greater Cleveland Gymnastics Team. $13 seats are just $10 dollars for this event, with $5 of each ticket sold going directly to the International Services Center. To order tickets, call Algis Ruksenas, director of the International Services Center at 781-5460.

Opera singers Vitalija Siskaite and Bronius Tamasauskas will present an recital of songs and arias at OLPH auditorium on Sunday March 5th.

And on March 19th, a Lithuanian vocal group comprised of former Siberian prisoners will perform at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Auditorium.